

## **SUMMARY**

**This Rule establishes the criteria for determining whether a teacher is designated Highly Qualified in Arkansas pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.**

**The USDOE has established that, by the end of the 2005-2006 school year, all classes in core academic subjects\* are to be taught by teachers designated as Highly Qualified in those subjects. The minimum criteria are that the teacher:**

- a. have at least a bachelor's degree**
- b. be fully licensed**
- c. demonstrate competence in the content area he or she is teaching.**

**Distinctions are made for veteran teachers v. new teachers, and between elementary, middle school and secondary school teachers.**

**This Rule clarifies the distinctions made for each level, and defines the specific criteria for "demonstrating competence" in teaching areas.**

**\* Core Academic Subject Areas are:**

- Math**
- Science**
- Reading/Language Arts**
- Social Studies**
- Arts**
- English**
- Foreign Language**